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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary

Application No.

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MCRORY ET AL.

Examiner

George A. Bugg

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 27 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) The invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-7, and 9-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 5,980,123 to Heifler.

3. With regard to claims 1 and 10, Figures 1, 3A and 3B, as well as column 3, lines 62-67, show multiple detection units 10, along a fence, perimeter, or boundary. As shown in these figures, each station, is fixed, and spaced apart incrementally, and is capable of capturing a field of view between it and neighboring stations. Overlapping is also shown in the figures alluded to above. Column 4, lines 28-47 disclose intrusion detection, as well as video and other signals being transmitted to a central control room, where such signals are received, and viewed or displayed. Additionally, column 4, lines 1-4 teach annunciators, of the infrared type. With respect to the boundary being linear, the Examiner has given no weight to this term since it is not recited in the body of the claim, however, Figure 1 shows straight-line sections of the fencerow.

4. As for claims 2 and 9, it has been shown above that each station is freestanding, and that each station is capable of communicating with a central station.

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5. As for claims 3 and 11, it has been shown above that the Heifler reference teaches the use of infra-red sensors, which are equivalent to radiation detectors, and used to detect and convey intrusion.
6. As for claims 4 and 5, Figure 3B shows fields of view extending at least halfway between two adjacent stations, and extending past a neighboring station.
7. As for claims 6 and 12, it has been shown above that the Heifler reference teaches the use of infrared sensors, which are equivalent to radiation detectors. It should further be noted that radiation or IR is inherently reflected when used for intrusion detection.
8. With regard to claim 7, the Heifler reference discloses the use of cameras throughout, and the ability to capture video of the intruder and the area he is located in. Specifically, attention is drawn to column 6, lines 23-31.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

9. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

10. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 5,980,123 to Heifler.
11. With respect to claim 8, while the Heifler reference does not specifically teach panning and tilting, such concepts are notoriously well known in the art of surveillance

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and would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art for creating a more versatile system, in addition to expanding the range of the camera.

Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to George A. Bugg whose telephone number is (571) 272-2998. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 9:00-6:30, and every other Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeff Hofsass can be reached on (571) 272-2981. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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